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LONDON PASS PILKAUKAS

1. THE U.S. DEL MAY AGREE TO ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD
ALLOW DISCUSSIONS OF OFFERS AND REQUESTS WITH A VIEW TO
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PUTTING TOGETHER AN ACCEPTABLE TROPICAL PRODUCTS PACKAGE

AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL B. THIS COULD INCLUDE EARLY SUBMISSION OF REQUEST LISTS BY COUNTRIES SO THAT ANALYSIS OF THE LISTS CAN BEGIN AT AN EARLY STAGE. DEL WILL NEED TO KEEP IN MIND TIME CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY NEED FOR ITC ADVICE BEFORE U.S. WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS OFFERS. HOWEVER DISCUSSION CAN TAKE PLACE ON CLARIFYING REQUESTS.

2. DEL SHOULD DERIVE OTHER SPECIFIC POSITIONS ON A WORK PROGRAM FROM REFTEL B.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION IS BEING SETTLED AS PART OF PACKAGE ALONG LINES OUTLINED REFTEL C.

4. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANOTHER MEETING BEFORE THE NEXT CIRCUIT OF MEETINGS, AND WOULD HOPE THIS WOULD BE AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF

REQUEST LISTS. HOWEVER, IN CARRYING OUT THIS PREFERENCE DEL SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING FORTHCOMING IN THIS GROUP.

5. UNCTAD ATTENDANCE. WE REALIZE THE DEL IS DEVELOPING A POSITION ON UNCTAD ATTENDANCE IN THE GROUPS, BUT WOULD POINT OUT THAT IT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OBJECTIVES RELATIVE TO LDCE TO OPPOSE THEM IF THEY DESIRE UNCTAD ATTENDANCE AT THIS SERIES OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETINGS. IN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF UNCTAD'S ATTENDANCE, DELS MAY WISH TO BEAR IN MIND PARAGRAPH 6 ON PRECEDENTS.

6. IF THE QUESTION OF PRECEDENT SETTING ACTIONS BY THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUPS ARISES, THE DEL MAY WISH TO INDICATE THAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A SPECIAL AND PRIORITY SECTOR AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO SET A PRECEDENT FOR THE WORK OF OTHER GROUPS. INGERSOLL

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